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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 1099

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRC MILITARY MISSION ARRIVES RWANDA

1. TWELVE MEMBER PRC MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVED
KIGALI AFTERNOON JULY 2 ABOARD ZAIRIAN MILITARY C-130,
PRESUMABLY FROM KINSHASA. KIGALI DIPCORP CONSENSUS
DEL INCLUDES ONE ARMY GENERAL/VICE DEFMIN AND AN ADMIRAL (SIC).
DUTCH AMBASSADOR RESIDENT KINSHASA REPORTS DEL PART OF LARGE
MISSION WHICH ARRIVED KINSHASA WEEK JUNE 26, THEN
DIVIDED UP AND AFANNED OUT TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR DID NOT LEARN OF THEIR ARRIVAL
UNTIL JULY 4.

2. PRC DEL TREATED AS HONORED GUESTS AT JULY 5
RWANDAN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. ALL TWELVE ARRIVED
IN UNIFORM IN GOR CARS AND WERE DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO PLACE
OF HIGH HONOR IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF PRESIDENT IN
TRIBUNE. (ALL OTHER DIPCORPS/RANKING GUESTS WALKED
FROM STADIUM ENTRANCE TO BRIBUNE.) AT AFTERNOON FOOT-
BALL MATCH, DEL AGAIN GIVEN PLACE OF HONOR.
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3. EXACT PURPOSE OF DEL VISIT NOT FULLY KNOWN. IN
JULY 3 TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR, COL. BONAVENTURE BUREGEYA,
SECGEN PRESIDENCY, SAID CHINESE "FAVORABLY DISPOSED"
TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID BUT NOT CLEAR FROM DISCUSSION
WHO INITIATED VISIT. FRENCH AMBASSADOR REPORTS THAT
PRC CHARGE SAID PEKING HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE "SMALL

QUANTITY OF LIGHT ARMS." MILITARY AID WOULD BE NEW
ROLE FOR CHINESE IN RWANDA.

4. WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING, CHINESE TRADE SHOW ALSO SET UP
TO OPEN IN KIGALI WEEK OF JULY 10.
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NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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